

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached drawing sheet includes changes to Figure 3. This sheet, which includes Figures 2-4, replaces the original sheet including Figures 2-4. In Figure 3, reference number "15" has been changed to "2," reference number "16" has been changed to "4," and reference number "3" was added to denote a clear area.

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 remain pending in this application, with claim 29 being added by this Preliminary Amendment. Claim 29 depends from claim 1 and is believed to fall within elected Species 1 of Group I.

Claim 29 is fully supported by the specification and drawings. In this regard, Applicants respectfully emphasize, for example, Figure 3 and paragraph [00043] at pages 11-12 of the originally filed specification. No new matter is being added by virtue of claim 29.

The drawing changes are being made to achieve consistency between the reference numbers in the specification and those shown in Figure 3. Upon reviewing the originally filed specification, one of ordinary skill in the art would have readily appreciated that the reference numbers now shown in Figure 3 were intended.

Applicant is herewith submitting a Replacement Sheet and Annotated Sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 (d). Applicant believes this is a full response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 C.F.R. § 1.121).

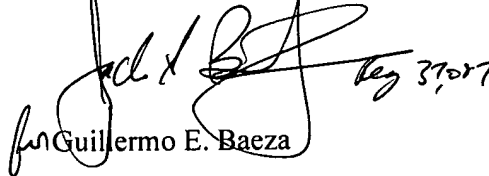
In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated August 21, 2006, the title "Replacement Sheet" has been added to the attached sheet containing Figs. 2-4.

In the Response filed August 10, 2006, the fee due for new claim 29 has been paid in full. Accordingly, no additional claim fee is believed to be due at this time.

Applicant respectfully requests a favorable action on the merits. Should the Examiner determine that further action is necessary to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone Applicants' undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

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Fig. 2

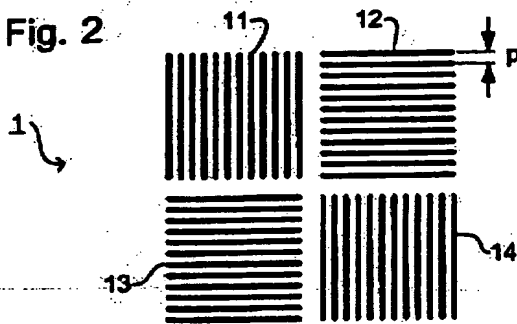


Fig. 3

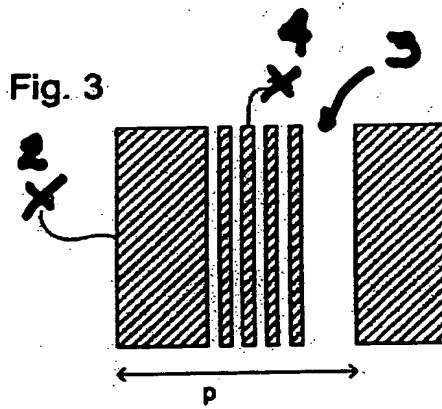


Fig. 4

